

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, William E. Taylor, declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America, residing respectively at 218 Augusta Nat L Crt, Franklin, TN 37069, and that I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING TAXES FOR EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS


the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56. I further declare that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby appoint James R. Yee, Patent Office Reg. No. 34,460, Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C., 39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, telephone (248) 723-0349, W. Bryan McPherson, Patent Office Reg. No. 41,988, Caterpillar Inc., AB6490, 100 NE Adams St., Peoria, IL 61629, telephone (309) 675-4015; J. Wesley Blumenshine, Reg. No. 32,399, telephone (309) 675-3337, J.W. Keen, Reg. No. 33,360, telephone (309) 675-6060 and Dennis C. Skarvan, Reg. No. 35,360, telephone (309) 675-6060, my attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with this application. Please address all correspondence to: James R. Yee, Patent Office Reg. No. 34,460, Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C., 39400 Woodward Avenue, Suite 101, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


WILLIAM E. TAYLOR
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Franklin, TN 37069

10/18/01
Date

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, William E. Taylor, residing at 218 August Nat L Crt, Franklin, TN 37069, hereinafter referred to ASSIGNOR has invented a new and useful

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING TAXES FOR EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS

for which ASSIGNOR has made application for Letters Patent in the United States of America, such invention being described and identified by said application identified as Application No. _____, filed _____; and

WHEREAS, Caterpillar Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Peoria, State of Illinois, United States of America, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America and any foreign country;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration received by ASSIGNOR from ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNOR;

1. ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, transfers and conveys unto ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, any application therefor, and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America and any foreign country, including any continuing application, reissue or extension thereof, together with the right to file applications and obtain patents for said invention in any foreign country, and covenant that ASSIGNOR has the full right to do so.

2. At the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, ASSIGNOR agrees to communicate to ASSIGNEE any facts known respecting said invention, to execute all papers necessary to file any application on said invention necessary or desirable to aid ASSIGNEE in obtaining and enforcing proper protection for said invention in the United States of America and any foreign country.

3. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS to issue the United States Letters Patent on said invention, when granted, to Caterpillar Inc.

4. This assignment shall inure to the benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon ASSIGNOR, ASSIGNOR'S heirs and legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR has executed this instrument.

William E. Taylor
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR

10/18/01
Date

IN WITNESS OF the execution hereof by WILLIAM E. TAYLOR we have hereunto set our hands.

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